

House File 2698

H-8362

1 Amend the amendment, H-8348, to House File 2698, as follows:

2 1. Page 59, after line 11 by inserting:

3 <DIVISION \_\_\_\_

4 COURT APPOINTED SPECIAL ADVOCATES AND CHILD ADVOCACY BOARD

5 Sec. \_\_\_\_ . Section 10A.104, subsection 2, Code 2024, is

6 amended to read as follows:

7 2. Appoint the administrators of the divisions within  
8 the department and all other personnel deemed necessary for  
9 the administration of this chapter, except the state public  
10 defender, assistant state public defenders, administrator  
11 of the racing and gaming commission, labor commissioner,  
12 workers' compensation commissioner, director of the Iowa  
13 state civil rights commission, ~~and~~ members of the employment  
14 appeal board, and administrator of the child advocacy board  
15 created in section 237.16. All persons appointed and employed  
16 in the department are covered by the provisions of chapter  
17 8A, subchapter IV, but persons not appointed by the director  
18 are exempt from the merit system provisions of chapter 8A,  
19 subchapter IV.

20 Sec. \_\_\_\_ . Section 237.16, subsections 1, 3, 4, and 5, Code  
21 2024, are amended to read as follows:

22 1. The child advocacy board is created within the department  
23 of inspections, appeals, and licensing. The state board  
24 consists of nine members appointed by the governor, subject  
25 to confirmation by the senate and directly responsible to  
26 the governor. One member shall be an active court appointed  
27 special advocate volunteer, one member shall be an active  
28 member of a local citizen foster care review board, and one  
29 member shall be a judicial branch employee or judicial officer  
30 appointed from nominees submitted by the judicial branch. The  
31 appointment is for a term of four years that begins and ends as  
32 provided in section 69.19. Vacancies on the state board shall  
33 be filled in the same manner as original appointments are made.

34 3. An employee of the department or the department  
35 of inspections, appeals, and licensing, an employee of a

1 child-placing agency, an employee of an agency with which the  
2 department contracts for services for children under foster  
3 care, a foster parent providing foster care, or an employee of  
4 the district court is not eligible to serve on the state board.  
5 However, the judicial branch employee or judicial officer  
6 appointed from nominees submitted by the judicial branch in  
7 accordance with [subsection 1](#) shall be eligible to serve on the  
8 state board.

9 4. The department and the department of inspections,  
10 appeals, and licensing shall jointly develop written protocols  
11 detailing the responsibilities of ~~the~~ each department with  
12 regard to children under the purview of the state board. The  
13 protocols shall be reviewed by the ~~department~~ departments on an  
14 annual basis.

15 5. The director of the department of inspections, appeals,  
16 and licensing shall employ appropriate staff for the state  
17 board in accordance with available funding.

18 Sec. \_\_\_\_\_. Section 237.18, Code 2024, is amended by adding  
19 the following new subsection:

20 NEW SUBSECTION. 8. Employ appropriate staff in accordance  
21 with available funding.

22 Sec. \_\_\_\_\_. Section 237.21, subsection 5, Code 2024, is  
23 amended to read as follows:

24 5. Members of the state board and local boards, court  
25 appointed special advocates, and the employees of the  
26 department and the department of inspections, appeals, and  
27 licensing are subject to standards of confidentiality pursuant  
28 to [sections 217.30, 228.6, subsection 1, sections 235A.15,](#)  
29 [600.16, and 600.16A.](#) Members of the state and local boards,  
30 court appointed special advocates, and employees of the  
31 department and the department of inspections, appeals, and  
32 licensing who disclose information or records of the board or  
33 department, other than as provided in [subsections 2, 3, and 4,](#)  
34 [section 232.126, and section 237.20, subsection 2,](#) are guilty  
35 of a simple misdemeanor.>

1 2. By renumbering, redesignating, and correcting internal  
2 references as necessary.

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